

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on March 9, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 332, 3/4/2009; HB 432, 3/4/2009;
HJ 27, 3/4/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 432, Authorize school trustee election by acclamation.

00:02:25 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:17 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:05:04 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.

00:06:21 Lisa Kimmet, Office of the Secretary of State

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:22 Rep. Mehlhoff

HEARING ON HB 332

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:59 Rep. Dennis Getz (D), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 332, Address conflict between open meeting and student participation issues.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:25 Bob Vogel

00:16:20 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.

00:16:41 Sen. Ripley left the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:11 Sen. Brown

00:18:47 Bob Vogel
00:20:10 Sen. Brown
00:20:22 Bob Vogel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:46 Rep. Getz

HEARING ON HJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:48 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Urge learning and use of first nations names in their own language.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:47 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs
00:28:15 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
[EXHIBIT \(eds52a01\)](#)

00:29:10 Jennifer Perez Cole, Governor's Office
00:29:36 Pam Bucy, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:02 Sen. Hawks
00:31:34 Rep. Wilmer
00:31:38 Chairman Laible
00:31:44 Rep. Wilmer
00:33:20 Joyce Silverthorne
00:33:23 Rep. Wilmer
00:34:08 Sen. Hawks
00:34:17 Sen. Brown
00:34:58 Joyce Silverthorne
00:35:18 Sen. Brown
00:35:51 Sen. McGee

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:20 Rep. Wilmer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds52aad.pdf](#))